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Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

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[EAC 07 260 50296, *motion*]
[WAC 05 106 75799]

INRE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the California Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, California Service Center (CSC). A subsequent appeal was dismissed by the Chief, Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The matter is now before the AAO on a motion to reopen. The motion will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Honduras who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The applicant filed an initial Form 1-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, under receipt number SRC 04 083 54556 after the initial registration period had closed. The Director, Texas Service Center denied that application on August 10, 2004, after determining that the applicant had failed to establish she was eligible for late initial registration.

The applicant filed the current Form 1-821 on January 14, 2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS.

The CSC Director denied the re-registration application because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS.

The appeal from the director's decision was dismissed on May 25, 2007, after the Chief of the AAO also concluded that the applicant had failed to establish her eligibility for re-registration and for late initial registration. On motion to reopen, the applicant reasserts her claim of eligibility for TPS.

A motion to reopen or reconsider must be filed within thirty days of the underlying decision, except that failure to file during this period may be excused at the Service's discretion when the applicant has demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

Whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of a notice upon him and the notice is served by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period. Service by mail is complete upon mailing. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The previous AAO decision was dated May 25, 2007. Any motion to reopen must be filed within thirty days after service of the decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i). Coupled with three days for mailing, the motion, in this case, should have been filed on or before June 27, 2007. The motion to reopen was received on July 30, 2007.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.c. § 1361. That burden has not been met because the motion to reopen was not filed within the required time period. Accordingly, the motion to reopen is dismissed and the previous decision of the AAO will not be disturbed.

ORDER: The motion to reopen is dismissed.